

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 571**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Yee**

February 18, 2003

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An act to amend Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 571, as introduced, Yee. Horse racing.

Existing law provides that a thoroughbred racing association or fair may distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of out-of-state and out-of-country thoroughbred races during the calendar period the association or fair is conducting a race meeting, with a specified limitation on the total number of thoroughbred races on which wagers may be accepted statewide.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:  
3 19596.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and  
4 except as provided in Section 19596.4, a thoroughbred racing  
5 association or fair may distribute the audiovisual signal and accept  
6 wagers on the results of out-of-state and out-of-country  
7 thoroughbred races during the calendar period the association or  
8 fair is conducting a race meeting, including days on which there

1 is no live racing being conducted by the association or fair, without  
2 the consent of the organization that represents horsemen  
3 participating in the race meeting and without regard to the amount  
4 of purses, provided that the total number of thoroughbred races on  
5 which wagers are accepted statewide in any given year does not  
6 exceed the total number of thoroughbred races on which wagers  
7 were accepted in 1998. Further, the total number of thoroughbred  
8 races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under  
9 this section shall not exceed 23 per day on days when live  
10 thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state. The  
11 limitation of 23 imported races per day does not apply to any of the  
12 following:

13 (1) Races imported for wagering purposes pursuant to  
14 subdivision (d).

15 (2) Races imported that are part of the race card of the  
16 Kentucky Derby, the Kentucky Oaks, the Preakness Stakes, the  
17 Belmont Stakes, the Jockey Club Gold Cup, the Breeders' Cup, or  
18 the Haskell Invitational.

19 (3) Races imported into the northern zone when there is no live  
20 thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted in the northern zone.

21 (4) Races imported into the combined central and southern  
22 zones when there is no live thoroughbred or fair racing being  
23 conducted in the combined central and southern zones.

24 (b) Any thoroughbred racing association described in  
25 subdivision (a) may execute an agreement with any other  
26 association that conducts thoroughbred races in the southern zone  
27 to allow the other association to distribute the signal and accept  
28 wagers on out-of-country thoroughbred races.

29 (c) Any thoroughbred association or fair accepting wagers  
30 pursuant to subdivision (a) shall conduct the wagering in  
31 accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 19601,  
32 19616, 19616.1, and 19616.2.

33 (d) No thoroughbred association or fair ~~shall~~ *may* accept  
34 wagers pursuant to this section on out-of-state or out-of-country  
35 races commencing after 7:00 p.m., Pacific standard time, without  
36 the consent of the harness or quarter horse racing association that  
37 is then conducting a live racing meeting in Orange or Sacramento  
38 Counties, and no quarter horse or harness racing association ~~shall~~  
39 *may* accept wagers on out-of-state or out-of-country quarter horse  
40 or harness races commencing before 5:30 p.m., Pacific standard

- 1 time, without the consent of any thoroughbred association or fair
- 2 that is then conducting a live racing meeting in this state.

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